

**A S S I G N M E N T**

WHEREAS, I, KURT R. BROWNING, a citizen of the United States, with post office address as shown below adjacent to my name; have invented a certain product and process entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ACTIVE DETECTION OF CONNECTION TO A NETWORK", hereinafter called the "invention."

Preferred embodiments of said invention are disclosed in a United States patent application executed concurrently herewith by me and now identified as File No. T6441 of the law firm of Thorpe, North & Western, 8180 South 700 East, Suite 200, Sandy, Utah, 84070, and filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as Serial No. 09/050,290 on March 20, 1998.

(I hereby authorize the attorneys of Thorpe, North & Western to insert said serial number when known.) The Assignee, XIRCOM, INC., a California corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, located at 2300 Corporate Center Drive, Thousand Oaks, California 91320-1420, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in said invention.

In consideration of \$1.00 and other good and valuable consideration paid to me by the Assignee, the receipt and sufficiency of which I hereby acknowledge, I HEREBY ASSIGN TO THE ASSIGNEE:

The entire right, title and interest in said invention in the above-identified United States patent application and in all divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of said application, or reissues or extensions of Letters Patent

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or Patents granted thereon, and in all corresponding applications filed in countries foreign to the United States, and in all patents issuing thereon in the United States and Foreign countries.

The right to file foreign patent applications on said invention in its own name, wherever such right may be legally exercised, including the right to claim the benefits of the International Convention for such applications.

I hereby authorize and request the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, and such Patent Office officials in foreign countries as are duly authorized by their patent laws to issue patents, to issue any and all patents on said invention to the Assignee as the owner of the entire interest, for the sole use and behalf of the said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives.

I hereby agree, without further consideration and without expense to me, to sign all lawful papers and to perform all other lawful acts which the Assignee may request of me to make this Assignment fully effective, including, by way of example but not of limitation, the following:

Prompt execution of all original, divisional, substitute, reissue, and other United States and foreign patent applications on said invention, and all lawful documents requested by the Assignee to further the prosecution of any of such patent applications.

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This assignment and agreement shall be binding upon my heirs and legal representatives.

Inventor Kurt R. Browning  
KURT R. BROWNING  
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Newbury Park, California 91320

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

Before me personally appeared said KURT R. BROWNING, and acknowledged  
the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1998.

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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